

Sixth Month 2025

Homewood Friends Meeting

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Newsletter

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Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Faith and Practice Queries

#6: Home and
Family

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt?

Do you practice family prayer?

Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family?

Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity?

Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously?

Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions?

Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility?

Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

From the BYM Advices

Advices for the Sixth Query
"Living with Self and Others"

...Meetings should be aware of situational stresses some families must deal with. Such stresses may arise in any household, but especially where children have only one parent, all the adults work outside the home, families contain members of different faiths, or the household includes ill or infirm elderly members. These families, as well as others in our midst whose members have special needs because of physical or mental illness, developmental disability, or handicap, may require extra loving support and sensitivity to their needs...

Read the full 6th Query advices and references:
[BYM Faith & Practice](#), page 30

You can now view our [Spiritual State of the Meeting 2024](#) as approved at our Fifth Month Meeting for Business and finalized by our Ministry and Counsel committee.

QUAKER WALKERS



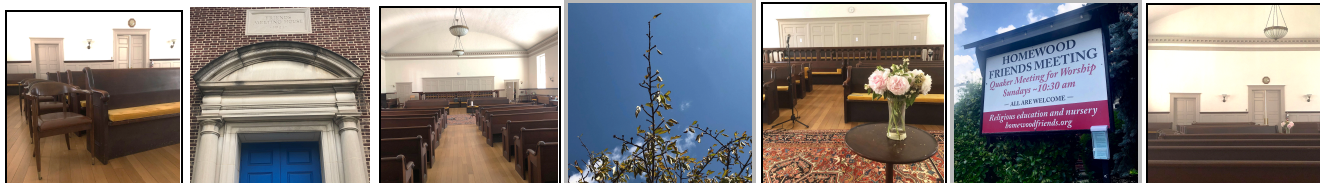
A group of Quakers led a walking mission from NYC to Washington DC to deliver the historic [Flushing Remonstrance](#) and demand rights of free speech and due process to all people, citizens and non-citizens alike. On the way they were hosted by Quakers and interfaith friends, including a lunch at our Homewood Friends meetinghouse. On 5/22 they reached DC and met with elected officials to make their journeyed message known. The picture above includes some of the Homewood Friends that met the walkers in DC.

Graduation News

Sonny Kennison graduated from Goucher College, with honors in Professional and Creative Writing, and minors in Computer Science and Arabic.

Simon Carpenter graduated from Towson High School, where he received an award for excellence in theatre tech. This fall, he'll attend the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) this fall, majoring in mechanical engineering, with a scholarship for performing arts as a theatre technician.

Yael Figueroa-Malette graduated middle school! 🙌🙌🙌





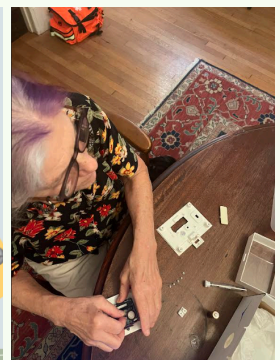
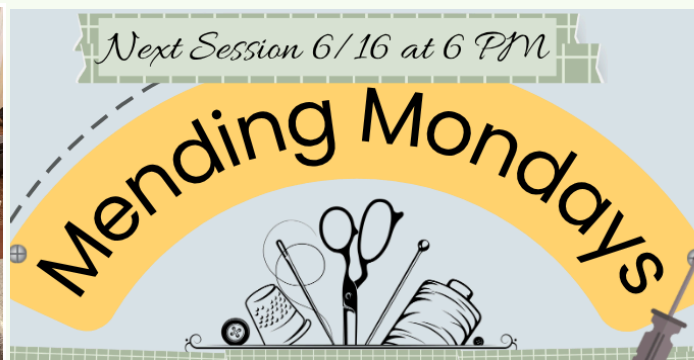
GOAT's Noats

Highlight on Mending Mondays

The first of Homewood's Mending Mondays, May 12, helped eight people complete long-delayed mending or make headway on a craft project. Work included new elastic in pajama bottoms, a clock put back together, and a quilt for a new baby. It turned out that if we gather a few people, we have considerable expertise to apply to mending quandaries. And we have a good time.

The brainchild of Marisa Dobson, the informal workshops are intended to further the sustainability goal of continuing to use what we have rather than buying new stuff. Marisa brought a cheese platter to MM to contribute to the social side of things. The big table in the lobby behind the meeting room was the perfect place for all of us to work.

The next Mending Monday is set for Monday, June 16, 6-7:30 p.m. The group will stick to Mondays, but during the summer vacation season will pick which week of the month according to people's availability. Homewood members, attenders, and others are welcome at the workshop. Bring your items to mend or create and whatever supplies you have.



GOAT is an open committee and is comprised of Carol Beck, Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Bess Keller, John McKusick, Rachael Neill, Heather Ravlin, Kathy Rogers, and Jamie Sumague.

UPCOMING

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: 6/1 (First Sundays) 12:30 PM on Zoom ([link](#)) and in-person.

NELSON MANDELA STUDY GROUP: 6/1 (First Sundays) 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room This small open group studies and reflects on the work of Nelson Mandela and takes action to make positive change in the face of empire and oppression. Drop in to learn more.

VIGIL FOR NONVIOLENCE: 6/6 (First Fridays) at 5 PM in front of the meetinghouse.

WEDDING OF DANIEL AND PONNI: Sat. 6/7 at 10 AM Daniel Gillespie and Ponni Vel will be married in the Homewood meeting room. This is a Quaker wedding; all Homewood members and attenders are invited to attend. Light breakfast at 9 AM.

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING: Sun. 6/8 Annapolis Friends and Zoom CQM offers education, worship, fellowship, & hospitality between 8 Monthly Meetings in central and southern Maryland. Contact the Homewood office to request or offer carpooling options. [RSVP for CQM](#)

VIVA HOUSE FOOD AID: 6/8 (Second Sundays) See exact list of requested food items in [January newsletter](#). Please do pack them in purchased re-usable (not paper) bags because the paper breaks.

QUAKER PAMPHLET DISCUSSION: 6/8 (Second Sundays) 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room A small-group discussion on ideas that influence our worship time and faith practices. Regular attenders and curious guests are encouraged to join.

WELCOMING XANDER AND KATHY: Sun. 6/8 at 12:30 PM Friends will come together to welcome new members Xander Dickens and Kathy Rogers, who are both transferring their membership from Stony Run Friends. Join after simple lunch in the Meeting Room, starting with silence/worship sharing. All are welcome, including those who know Xander and Kathy well, and those who are simply curious how Homewood celebrates its community.

MENDING MONDAYS: 6/16 from 6-7:30 PM Join crafty Friends for Mending Monday. Bring objects from home to mend + lean on collective wisdom plus pooled materials. Items could be: books, clothing, toys, home goods. Email marisa.dobson@gmail.com with your favorite snacks and what you need fixed and/or want to work on. Sponsored by our Green Organizing Action Team (🐻).


Friends Place on Capitol Hill

Friends Place Retreat for Y.A.F. 6/12—6/14 in Washington DC Join a 3-day overnight retreat for young adult friends (18-35) to explore connections between our spiritual, political, and personal lives. This year's focus is on Queer Liberation and will be concurrent with DC/World Pride. It will be held in person at Friends Place on Capitol Hill, and online through Pendle Hill. More info and registration: [Continuing Revolution 2025: Queer Liberation and Spirit-Rooted Justice](#).

PRIDE STATION: Sat. 6/14 The Pride parade will go from the Penn Station area northward to Wyman Park Dell where the celebration will go through the afternoon and into the evening. The meetinghouse is right across Charles St. from the park, so we'll have the doors open for bathrooms, cool down, recharge, and perhaps a few small family-friendly activities.



Friends gathered at the meetinghouse the last few years to celebrate and support the Pride parade. The pride parade starting point had been in front of the meetinghouse area, but now it will go in the reverse direction, ending at the park across from the meetinghouse.

 Did you know there is a Homewood LGBTQ What's App group? This is how we plan events and get together. If you want to be on the group send your phone number to kdolive@hotmail.com or text him at 410-258-5246 to be added.

BIBLE STUDY: 6/15 (3rd Sundays) 9:15 AM in the Lucretia Mott room We usually discuss a fairly short section that we read out loud together, while also sharing some silence and journaling time. Coffee and Bibles provided.

SIMPLE MEETING FOR WORSHIP: 6/29 (Last Sundays) 9 AM in the Library An additional worship time in a smaller setting without microphones or computers.

Threshing Meeting on Spirit Led Action - Sun. 6/29, 12:30 PM At our May business meeting we learned that the Nominating Committee was recommending that the Homewood Peace and Social Justice Committee be laid down. A decision was made at that business meeting that we hold a specially called "threshing session" to discuss how the Meeting is led at this time with regard to spirit led action related to peace and social justice. This will be an opportunity to get a sense of how we are led as a community. No decisions will be made; the discussion at this meeting will help us to discern how to proceed. Please consider participating in this threshing meeting. All are welcome.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Annual Session 7/28 to 8/3 at Hood College in Frederick, MD [Read about Annual Session](#) workshops, plenary speakers, information for families, and more. Connect with Quakers from monthly meetings around the region. Make sure to register.

There are two opportunities to view a stirring film about Combatants for Peace. Homewood contributed to Combatants for Peace financially and a number of years ago hosted them in our building. See flyer below (scan QR code for more).



REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Meeting for Business
FIRST SUNDAYS 6/1 12:30 PM
 In the Meeting Room and on Zoom
 Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)
 ✓ All are Welcome

Vigil for Nonviolence
FIRST FRIDAYS 6/6 5-6 PM
 Outside of the Meetinghouse
 ✓ All are Welcome

Quaker Pamphlet Study Group
SECOND SUNDAYS 6/8 9:15 AM
 In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)
All are welcome, no prior readings needed.
 ✓ open group

Bible Study
THIRD SUNDAYS 6/15 9:15 AM
 In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)
All are welcome, no prior readings needed.
 ✓ open group

Library Committee
THIRD SUNDAYS 6/15 12:15 PM
 In the Meetinghouse Library
 ✓ open committee

Outreach Team
THIRD SUNDAYS 6/15 12:30 PM
 Susan B Anthony Room
 Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)
 ✓ open committee

Simple Meeting for Worship
LAST SUNDAYS 6/29 9:00 AM
 In the Meetinghouse Library
 ✓ open worship

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative
 Green Organizing Action Team—OPEN
 Outreach Team—OPEN
 Hospitality—OPEN
 House & Grounds—OPEN
 Library—OPEN
 Ministry & Counsel
 Religious Education--OPEN
 Trustees

Odd months last Sundays 12:30 PM, hybrid
Contact the office for next meeting time
3rd Sundays 12:30 PM, SBA Room
As called
2nd Tuesdays 6 PM
3rd Sundays 12:15 PM, Meetinghouse Library
Last Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Zoom
1st Tuesdays, 7:15 PM
3rd Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Committees so-marked are OPEN to guests; contact the committee clerk or the Homewood office if you have questions.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING

You can [make a contribution online](#) or make a check payable to “Homewood Friends Meeting”, which you can mail or drop off at the office or put into the contribution box in the meeting room. Thank you for all that you give to and share with our Meeting.

[Homewood Volunteer Form](#) Able to lend a hand? Let us know what ways you like to help by checking the boxes for your interests and telling us a skill we might not know you have.



Our 2025 Meetingwide photo!
Thank you to Sam Green for the photo.